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Summary

Main Features

The 1998 Western Australian Year Book is a contemporary reference book detailing the political, legal, economic, social and environmental framework of WA. It has been extensively revised and includes many interesting feature articles. These include:

Events in Perth 1997
The Transcontinental Railway
The Ashburton Floods
The Town of Victoria Park
The Regal Opera
The Dairy Industry
The Chelsea Flower Show 1997
Vocational Education and Training in Western Australian

Separate chapters are devoted to:

History; Environment; Government; Population; Social Welfare and Health; Law, Order and Emergency Services; Education; Culture and The Arts; Sport and Recreation; The Economy; Agriculture, and Forestry; Mining, Energy and Water Resources; Housing and Construction; Commerce (small business, manufacturing, retail trade, and transport); Tourism; Public Finance; Labour Market; Consumer and Producer Prices; International Trade; and Historical Statistics dating from 1829.

A special feature of this year's book details a Regional Profile of the South West Statistical Division. Detailed below is an overview of the region:

South West Statistical Division

The South West Statistical Division of Western Australia covers an area of 28,584 square kilometres. The Division comprises the Dale, Preston, Vasse and Blackwood Statistical Subdivisions.

The Statistical Subdivision of Dale includes the Local Government Areas of Boddington, Mandurah, Murray and Waroona; Preston includes the City of Bunbury and the Shires of Capel, Collie, Dardanup, Donnybrook-Balingup and Harvey; Vasse comprises the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and the Shire of Busselton; Blackwood includes the Shires of Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Manjimup and Nannup.

The South West is characterised by beautiful forests, rivers and stunning, often remote coastline. The Bibbulmun Track which runs 650 kilometres from Kalamunda to Walpole crosses through much of the Division. The track takes in some of the most scenic sections

of Karri forest. Karri grows only in parts of the south west of Western Australia where the annual rainfall exceeds 1,000mm.

Mandurah was settled early in the 1830s; the rest of the South West was settled soon after. Its economy has been dominated principally by the timber and agricultural industries. The South West forests are now increasingly valued for their natural beauty as well as a timber resource. Tourism is expected to continue to be a significant industry in the region's economy.

Grapevines were planted first in the Margaret River area in 1967. Since that time the wine industry has grown and many wineries and vineyards in the region have gained a reputation for their award winning produce, rivalling other wine growing areas of both this state and Australia. In recent times Pemberton has also become a successful wine growing area.

An increased number of bed and breakfast establishments, cafes and restaurants offer a wide variety of accommodation and food, from the elegant to the basic.

About this Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

A contemporary reference book detailing the political, legal, economic, social and environmental framework of WA. It has been extensively revised and includes many interesting feature articles highlighting significant issues affecting WA during the year in review. Separate chapters are devoted to history; environment; government; population; social welfare and health; law, order and emergency services; education; culture and the arts; recreation and sport; the economy; agriculture, and forestry; mining, energy and water resources; housing and construction; commerce (small business, manufacturing, retail trade, and transport); tourism; finance; labour; consumer and producer prices; international trade; and historical statistics dating from 1829.

Note: There was no 1994 issue.

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Explanatory Notes

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